

SENATE BILL 706

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By: **Senator McFadden**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mental Hygiene Administration – Placement of Individuals with Mental**
3 **Illness – Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration and the Office of the
5 Attorney General, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to conduct a
6 certain evaluation, make a certain report, and develop certain plans; requiring
7 the Mental Hygiene Administration and the Office of the Attorney General to
8 provide a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before
9 a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating
10 to a study and report on the treatment of individuals with mental illness.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The Mental Hygiene Administration and the Office of the Attorney
14 General, in consultation with interested stakeholders, shall:

15 (1) evaluate and report on the implementation of the
16 recommendations made in the 1999 Report to the Joint Chairmen: “Feasibility and
17 Advisability of a Pilot Project for Involuntary Outpatient Civil Commitment or other
18 Appropriate Measures”;

19 (2) develop a plan to provide treatment for individuals in the State
20 who would have otherwise received treatment in State–run inpatient mental health
21 facilities that are no longer operational; and

22 (3) develop a plan to provide mental health treatment for homeless
23 individuals in the State who are in need of mental health treatment.

24 (b) On or before January 1, 2011, the Mental Hygiene Administration and
25 the Office of the Attorney General shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the evaluation
2 and plans required under subsection (a) of this section.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 July 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
5 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
6 abrogated and of no further force and effect.